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Sir:

Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified patent application. The Applicant filed an Appeal Brief appealing the Final Rejection of his claims on October 18, 2002. On October 3, 2003, nearly one year later, the Examiner filed an Answer to the Appeal Brief. The Applicant filed his Reply on November 26, 2003. More than one year has passed since that Reply, and Applicant's attorney has not received a communication from the Patent Office relating to this application and related

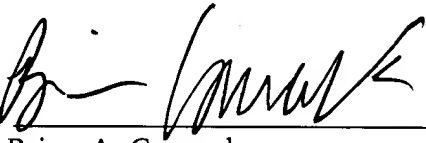
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